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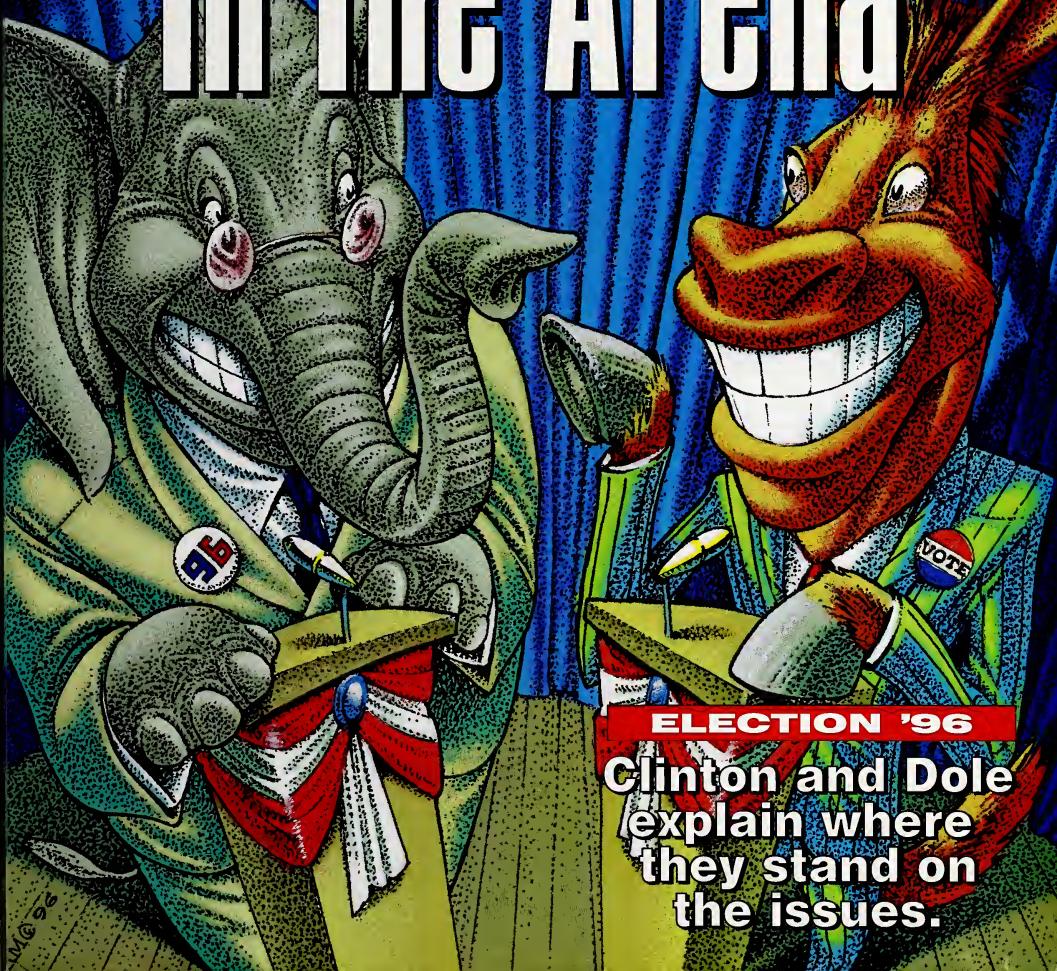
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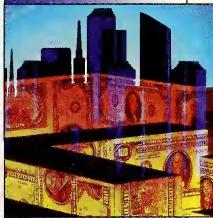
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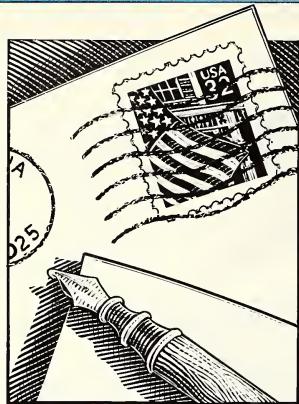


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## Unfair Criticism

*House Representatives G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery of Mississippi and Bob Stump of Arizona have both championed a significant amount of veterans' legislation over the years. While The American Legion has not always been in total agreement with every aspect of their legislative proposals, we have strongly supported most, and the differences have always been discussed in a gentlemanly manner.*

*The following letter and the article to which it refers were the result of an unfortunate lapse in communication about varying viewpoints on proposals to provide additional access to VA health care. —The Editors*

**I**n discussing our eligibility reform bill with your staff, we were advised that the Legion would neither support nor oppose H.R. 3118. We understand and respect that position. To say, therefore, we were disappointed to read an item in THE AMERICAN LEGION DISPATCH, which characterizes H.R. 3118 as the "VA Healthcare Liquidation Bill," followed by another critical article in THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE would be an understatement.

While we understand your interest in advocacy for your "GI Bill of Health," the *Dispatch* article, under Ken Scharnberg's byline, reflects a profound misunderstanding of H.R. 3118 and of the current law it seeks to change, and miscasts entirely both its intent and effect.

H.R. 3118 was never represented as more than it is. It is an eligibility

reform bill, not a funding reform. We see H.R. 3118 as a good first step, not one that would solve in its entirety all VA health-care access problems.

The article, nevertheless, suggests that H.R. 3118 would increase the number of veterans excluded from VA's medical care system. Mr. Scharnberg's reading of the bill is just wrong. By easing access to outpatient care and eliminating inappropriate incentive to more costly hospitalization, our bill should increase, not decrease, the numbers VA serves.

If, in some future year, VA treats fewer veterans than it does today, it would not be because Congress enacted H.R. 3118.

Mr. Scharnberg states, however, that the bill's fatal flaw is its use of the term "within appropriations." He says this means that as the budget is cut some veterans will be turned away. Unfortunately, budget cuts would have that effect whether or not H.R. 3118 were enacted, just as they have had in the past.

It's ironic, though, that while Mr. Scharnberg predicts that VA medical care funding will decline following enactment of H.R. 3118, the Congressional Budget Office projects just the opposite. It says the bill's enactment could cause increases in VA medical care budgets of \$3 billion annually.

Clearly none of us can accurately predict how much Congress will appropriate for VA-medical care for any future year.

In fact, although Scharnberg assumes VA faces cuts in its budget, the House just voted to increase VA medical care funding for fiscal year 1997 by almost \$500 million. But Mr. Scharnberg is even further off base in warning veterans to pay particular attention to H.R. 3118's reclassification of treatment priorities. He says that in placing less than 30 percent service-connected veterans "second in line for care," the bill has taken what "many experts see as the first step to eliminating the largest segment of service-connected veterans from VA care."

We question the expertise of Mr. Scharnberg's sources; less than 30 percent service-connected veterans have been second in line for care since 1988, when under Public Law 100-322, Congress moved them up from "third in line" in all statutory treatment

priority system, where they had been since 1976.

Veterans can rest assured that no one will eliminate service-connected disabled veterans from VA care.

We understand the Legion's advocacy for funding reforms. But as members who view ourselves as the best friends America's veterans have in the Congress, we request that you provide both recipients of the *Dispatch* and THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE the opportunity to read this response.

Bob Stump

Chairman

G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery  
Ranking Minority Member  
House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

## Legion Kudos

**R**ECENTLY I enrolled in The American Legion out of curiosity. Never in my life could I believe that this honorable organization of proud ex-military men could be of such interest to me. In the short time that I have been participating in the meetings and activities, I have had the opportunity to share a lot of experiences with fellows that make me feel proud and satisfied to be a member of this glorious institution.

The American Legion is marvelous.

I invite all of those veterans with an honorable discharge who believe in democracy to enroll in The American Legion. God bless America!

Orlando Seda Ayala  
Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico

## Something New

**Y**OUR article on Army Specialist Michael G. New ("Oath of Uncertainty, July) was an eye opener! He is in good company as years ago Gen. Billy Mitchell was also court-martialed and railroaded by a government that didn't care about the individual or the Constitution. About 50 years ago, I took the same oath as New and feel the same way he does. I am going to call my congressman about this matter, as this man doesn't deserve a bad conduct discharge.

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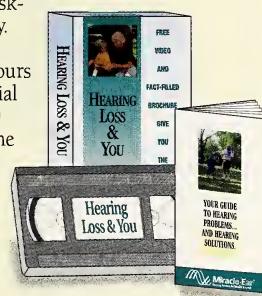
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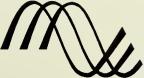
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# Should Congress Approve The School Prayer Amendment?

**Rep. Ernest J. Istook Jr. (R-Okla.)**



## YES

WHEN PEOPLE talk about school prayer, one important fact is often overlooked: When the U.S. Supreme Court ruled organized school prayer as unconstitutional in 1962, it had the effect of giving government the power to ban prayer.

You might favor prayer in schools, or you might not. Yet, we as Americans have allowed the federal government to assume a frightening power, unprecedented until 30 years ago. For surely a government that has the power to ban something is not separate from it. If the federal government has the power to ban prayer, it is regulation of church by the state, not separation of church and state.

Journalists and reporters are familiar with this kind of banning practice and have fought vigorously against its occurrence in their profession—and rightly so. The concept of "prior restraint," or a government ban of free speech before the speech occurs, has been discredited thoroughly by the courts.

The government cannot impose a prior ban on speech on the basis that it might be libelous or slanderous or otherwise troublesome. Americans are free to say or write most anything. Americans are then held accountable for that speech and may be sued successfully if proper boundaries are overstepped.

Yet, prayer in schools and elsewhere is pre-banned on the basis that it *might* be coercive to someone.

Why is prayer viewed differently from other free speech? Why should public speech concerning prayer be vulnerable to this kind of banning before-the-fact? There exists no "right" in the Constitution for anyone to silence someone else's free speech.

This misconception has taken root and grown. I have even been lectured by another member of Congress that the purpose of the Constitution is to "protect minorities from the majority!"

That's incorrect. The Constitution is designed to protect all Americans, regardless of whether they are in a majority or minority. For too long, a minority that finds religion offensive has been able to silence the majority. □

**Sen. Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore.)**



## NO

A GREAT deal of interest has arisen lately regarding proposals to allow for organized prayer in public schools. Prayer is a personal communication between an individual and God. The content of government-sanctioned prayer would have to be necessarily vague to ensure that it did not infringe upon the beliefs of individual students, religious and non-religious. In my view, to have students recite a government-initiated prayer would only dilute and cheapen the value of that sacred communication. What a tragedy it would be for students to repeat daily without emotion or, worse, without reverence, a prescribed "prayer" to God with all the feeling of reciting verb conjugations.

The Supreme Court has not denied an individual the basic right to pray in public schools. Every day in America, countless public school students ask a blessing at their noon meal or ask for clarity of mind and guidance. I often say, somewhat facetiously, that I prayed my way through every math course examination I ever took. I was not praying to the teacher or to my fellow students—I was engaging in silent prayer to God, who I thought was more powerful than all of us students put together. These expressions of individual faith are legal and should be encouraged by parents and clergy.

The First Amendment, which states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," is sufficient to meet our needs in this sensitive matter. It has served us well in preserving the freedom of all Americans and in protecting our children from having religious beliefs thrust upon them by the government.

Some advocates of prayer in schools believe that prayer will help end the problems of drug abuse, teen pregnancy and violence in our schools. I could not agree more that these problems plague schools daily and must be addressed. The answer does not lie with prescribed prayer or moments of "voluntary" silence. We cannot be lulled into the belief that state symbols of morality will change our culture. □

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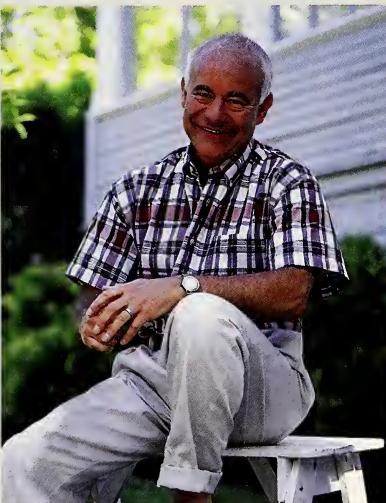


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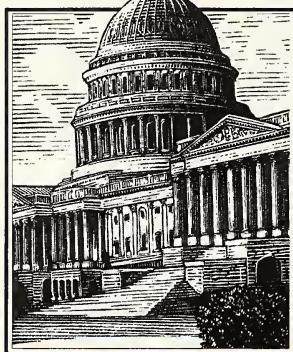
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By Cliff Kincaid

## Con-fusion

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At least, that's what Dr. Eugene Mallove says. Mallove, former chief science writer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology news office and current editor of *Infinite Energy Magazine*, laments that the U.S. has virtually abandoned the field of cold fusion—a theoretical means of producing vast amounts of energy sans the million-degree temperatures normally associated with atom smashing.

"Theoretical" is the key word here. In 1989, chemists Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischman claimed to have stumbled on the basis for this reaction—in their basement, no less—using apparatus that can be found in any school laboratory. They contended that fusion could occur at room temperature if an electric current were run through ordinary water or other common fuels. Since then, both cold fusion and the chemists themselves have been denounced as frauds by the scientific mainstream.

Mallove, nevertheless, calls cold fusion "the most important scientific discovery of this century." He touts an endorsement of cold-fusion research from both leading presidential candi-

dates.

Unimpressed, the U.S. Patent Office refuses to grant patents for cold-fusion generators.

## Waving for Dollars

**S**KEPTICAL *Inquirer*, the self-described "magazine for science and reason," has denounced the Pentagon for pouring upwards of \$350,000 into a "therapeutic touch" study involving the "laying over of hands" on burn patients.

Carla Selby and Bela Scheiber suggest that the study, conducted by the University of Alabama at Birmingham Burn Center, borders on "pseudo-science" and raises false hopes for patients.

The grant proposal, made to the Pentagon's Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, says a therapeutic touch "practitioner" is someone who, through the "focusing of consciousness," affects the "energy flow" of others by waving hands over them.

## Beef Stew

**F**EDERAL authorities are soon expected to turn their attention to the dozens of incidents of vandalism, break-ins and firebombings perpetrated in the name of animal rights. The fur industry has offered a reward of \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest of members of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF). One ALF extremist already is serving a 57-month sentence for arson at a mink research facility.

Animal-rights terrorists are so proud of their work that they have posted on the Internet a list of their "actions," including plastering meat delivery trucks with "Meat is Murder" graffiti and putting glue in the locks of McDonald's restaurants.

Farmers, ranchers and scientists involved in the use of animals for agriculture or medical purposes staged a counteroffensive last June on the national mall. But rather than meet the animal-rights activists outside in the hot sun, they set up an "Animal Agriculture & Biomedical Research Media Resource Center" in a hotel. There, reporters could get the other side of

the story in air-conditioned comfort with cold drinks and—what else?—"real food," as the beef industry's catchy ad campaign puts it.

## Vote Early & Often

**I**f you associate voting fraud solely with the likes of Russia and Chile, you may want to check out a new book about political corruption, *Dirty Little Secrets*, by University of Virginia Professor Larry Sabato and *Wall Street Journal* reporter Glenn R. Simpson. Sabato and Simpson assert that between 2 million and 3.4 million "phony registrations" litter the voting rolls in California alone, while Texas election law provides many "opportunities for voter fraud" through same-day registration and unsupervised mail and absentee ballots.

California and Texas, of course, are two of the biggest prizes up for grabs in next month's presidential contest.

Nationally, Sabato and Simpson argue that the 1993 National Voter Registration Act will "augment the potential for fraud" by permitting registration by mail for federal elections in every state. Their answer? The use of thumbprint scanners to record and identify each voter.

## Stamping Out Crime

**C**ITIZENS Against Waste alleges the government's \$27 billion food stamp program is losing nearly \$5 billion a year to waste, fraud and abuse, with stamps being used to buy everything from coke (not the kind you drink) to surface-to-air missiles. The good news? A bipartisan House group, led by Agriculture Committee chairman Pat Roberts and Rep. Gary Condit, vows to clean up the mess.

In a report on the extent of the fraud, Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) calls it an "almost effortless crime" providing a multibillion dollar "underground currency for opportunists, petty thieves, drugs and illegal arms dealers, counterfeitors, smugglers and money launderers." The basic problems are ineligible recipients, overpayments and inadequate supervision of stores.

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The push for more general officers comes even as the services are downsizing. Senior officers say more generals and admirals are needed because a growing number of flag officers are being assigned to billets where they work for the joint staff, the regional commanders or defense agencies, but not directly for their services.

Fifteen of the Marines' 68 generals serve in joint billets.

## GOING OVER-SEAS ALONE

YOU might have to go it alone on your next overseas assignment. Because of the risk of additional terrorist attacks, the military plans to send more troops on overseas assignments without their families. And increasingly, foreign deployments will be to remote bases far from urban areas.

The threat of terrorism "requires a drastic change in the way we do business," Defense Secretary William Perry says. The truck bomb that killed 19 Americans in Saudi Arabia convinced the military it is vulnerable to terrorists and must tighten security around the world. "We have to be prepared for chemical weapon attack, biological weapon attack" and attacks by massive conventional bombs. "Terrorists have reached a new level of organization, sophistication and violence," Perry has told commanders.

The recent redeployment of 3,700 troops from Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, to an isolated military base is a top priority. Officials are considering similar moves elsewhere. More unaccompanied tours could be ordered for the Middle East, Turkey and other high-threat areas.

## JOB HELP FOR SPOUSES



OUR spouses work, but unlike most civilians, they must find new jobs every few years because of military transfers. DoD has decided to help military spouses with their job searches.

The Pentagon will spend \$250,000 a year over the next three years on the Spouse Employment Demonstration Project. Employment efforts will focus on private companies because the federal government, like the military, is downsizing, says

Carolyn Becraft, a deputy assistant defense secretary.

About 65 percent of military spouses work outside the home and earn 30 percent of their family's income, a 1995 survey shows. Spouses' trouble finding jobs is a chronic "economic and morale issue for members and families," Becraft notes.

For spouses, worries about employment ranked second only to worries about the safety of their military partners, the survey showed. About 42 percent reported trouble finding jobs that use their training, experience and skills.

Spouses said frequent job changes disrupt their career progression, limit training opportunities and make it difficult to participate in long-term retirement plans. And unemployment among military spouses is four times greater than among civilians, defense officials report.

Job-hunting help will be offered through base family centers.

## HARASSMENT REVISITED



ESPITE years of effort to stamp out harassment in the services, 55 percent of women say they were sexually harassed during the past year. Actually, that's an improvement. In a 1988 survey, 64 percent of women complained of sexual harassment.

"We're doing better, but we're not at all satisfied," says Edwin Dorn, undersecretary of defense. When categories were expanded to include other types of harassment—ranging from rape and assault to groping and crude language—the numbers rose further. And rank did little to shield women: 75 percent of female officers reported some type of harassment, as did 83 percent of enlisted women. Even men were not immune, as 14 percent reported they were victims of sexual harassment.

The services have tried to quell sexual harassment, particularly since the Navy's 1991 Tailhook convention scandal. "We need to work harder," says Dorn.

## IN THE NEWS



R. STEPHEN JOSEPH, chief of military medicine, wants to "re-engineer business practices" so military patients get faster, more courteous care.... The Air Force Space Command has expressed a strong interest in taking on the mission to protect Earth against asteroid and comet strikes.... DoD will keep the "combat zone" designation for seven Middle Eastern countries, so troops serving there will receive an extra \$150 a month.... Look for more Air Force missions and equipment to shift from the active-duty force to the reserves, assistant Defense Secretary Deborah Lee says.... The Clinton administration proposes new veterans' cemeteries in Chicago and Dallas, increasing the number nationwide to 116.... Personnel serving in Bosnia may delay paying federal income taxes, but the Pentagon reminds troops that not all states have granted similar latitude.

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# Mending The Constitution

Massachusetts  
Legionnaires  
are at the  
helm in  
restoring  
our nation's  
most historic  
naval vessel.

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PENNY saved is a history lesson learned, at least for members of The American Legion family and students who join up in supporting the "Old Ironsides Pennies Campaign" in Boston, Mass.

Last spring, the National Executive Committee endorsed Legion involvement in the campaign by approving **Res. 1**, asking Legionnaires to help restore the *USS Constitution*. The "pennies" campaign tries to motivate students to raise \$500,000 for the *Constitution's* custom sails, part of a four-year \$12 million restoration effort on course to a celebration of the historic frigate's 200th anniversary in 1997.

"We made the decision to involve school kids because we need to educate them and let them know they're helping restore the U.S. Navy's flagship," says James W. Conway, a Past National Historian and Massachusetts Department Commander active in the restoration drive.

With most schools well under way, now is an ideal time for Posts to promote the pennies campaign. Massachusetts is pitching pennies full speed ahead to ensure the new sails are in place so that the *USS Constitution* can navigate in Boston Harbor under its own power at next summer's bicentennial celebration.

American Legion Bunker Hill Post 26 in Charlestown, a Boston suburb, donated \$1,000 earlier this year to open a special account at a local bank for the pennies campaign. To encourage donations Post officials also pledged a \$50,000 no-interest loan so work on the sails could

begin. If successful, her crew will sail "Old Ironsides" around Boston Harbor, the first time the frigate has sailed under its own power since 1881.

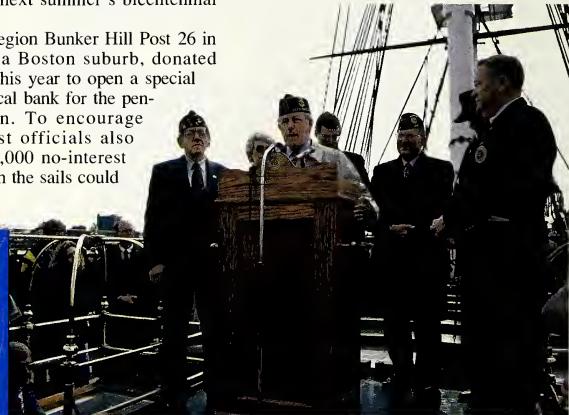
Navy officials estimate making the sails will take 6,500 yards of cotton, enough for the innerjib, fore staysail, fore topsail, main topsail, mizzen topsail, foresail, mainsail and the spanker. Posts should organize local fund drives to help preserve this national icon and allow it to sail into its third century fully restored as befits its status as the Navy's chief icon. The Legion family, in fact, participated in the original restoration fund-drive, the Penny Campaign begun in 1925.

Headed by the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, that effort also combined fund-raising with education. The Elks designated the week of Oct. 19-24, 1925, as "Old Ironsides Week," with members taking the time to speak at local schools and distribute buttons to students who donated money to the restoration effort. Now, American Legion Posts are encouraged to make similar high-profile visits to encourage donations and pass along some of the ship's riveting history.

In the frigate's "Salute to the Nation" campaign, winners of random drawings at several sites nationwide were treated to tug

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**SHIPMATES**—  
Flanked by fellow  
Legionnaires,  
PNC Jake Comer  
tells the Boston  
media about the  
"pennies"  
campaign to  
preserve the  
*USS Constitution*.







Bill Clinton

"I abhor flag burning. My reluctance to support an amendment to the Constitution stems from my respect for the document itself."

# The Men Who Would Be **PRESIDENT**

*Next month, Americans will go to the polls to elect the next president. Here's what the two leading candidates have to say about the issues.*

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**I**AKEN together, they are the issues that might well elect the nation's next president—national security, veterans' affairs, welfare reform, citizenship, flag desecration and illegal immigration. Fittingly, THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE questioned the presidential front-runners, incumbent Bill Clinton and Republican challenger Robert J. Dole, on these and other election-year issues.

The two candidates hail from very different backgrounds. Bill Clinton was new to the national spotlight when he made his stunning dash to the White House in 1992; he garnered 43 percent of the vote in a three-way presidential race with George Bush and Ross Perot. Before that, Clinton served two separate stints as governor of Arkansas (1979-1981 and 1983-1992).

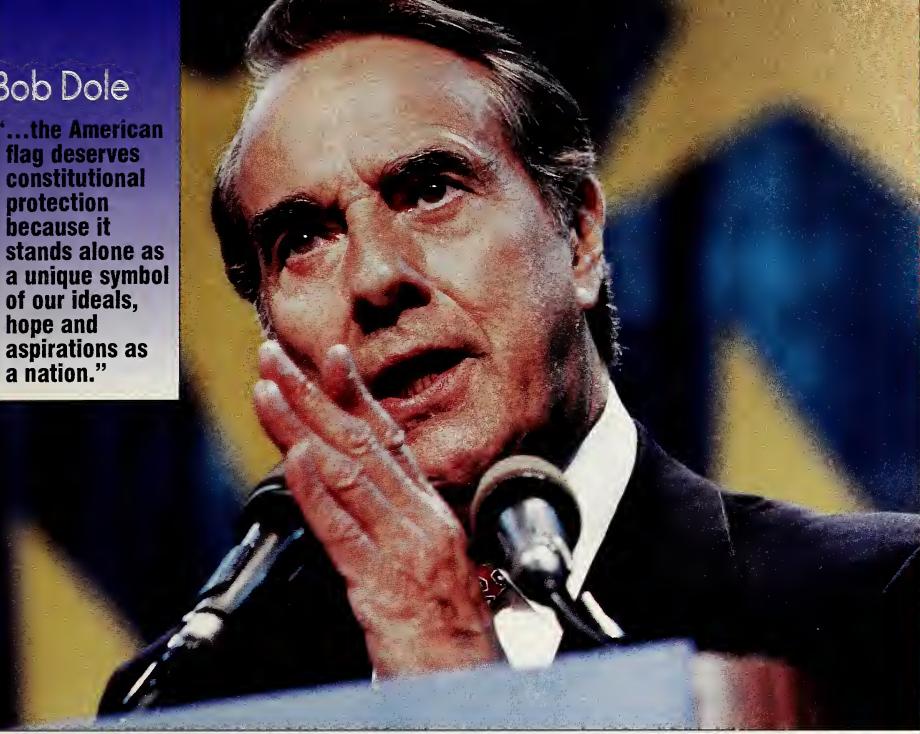
Kansas' Bob Dole, on the other hand, is a long-time Beltway insider. A wounded and decorated combat veteran of World War II, Dole, who was elected to the Senate in 1969, served as majority leader from 1994 until his resignation this past July. He was also the Republican Party's nominee for vice president in 1976.

A few highlights of the candidates' opposing perspectives on several key matters:

- On the controversial issue of U.S. military involvement with the United Nations, Clinton renewed his commitment to "multilateral peace operations," while Dole ruled out United Nations command of American forces.
- On veterans' health issues, Clinton said he had kept his promises and cited his record to prove it. But both candidates

## Bob Dole

“...the American flag deserves constitutional protection because it stands alone as a unique symbol of our ideals, hope and aspirations as a nation.”



said further reforms are needed to improve services.

- In a noteworthy disclosure, Clinton said his administration is in the process of producing a new chemical-weapons detector and protective suits.
- On illegal immigration, both promised a further crackdown on the problem, with Clinton saying his record was the best of any administration in 30 years. Dole declared his opposition to welfare for illegal aliens.

• While Clinton touted his economic record and described America as a “better place” than it was four years ago, Dole contends the U.S. is in the midst of a “slow decline” that he will reverse.

These were just a few of the differences between the candidates that surfaced during their respective interviews.

**AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE:** How do you plan to maintain the national security of the United States?

**PRESIDENT CLINTON:** Enhancing U.S. security requires developing and maintaining a strong defense capability.

Our strategy includes having forces to deter aggression in major regional conflicts by projecting and sustaining U.S. power in more than one region, if necessary; providing a credible overseas presence; countering weapons of mass destruction by stemming proliferation, limiting the spread of weapons-

related materials and strengthening security for them; contributing to multilateral peace operations; and fighting drug trafficking and supporting counterterrorism efforts.

**ROBERT J. DOLE:** America requires the most capable, most advanced and best-trained military in the world. Readiness requires an enduring commitment to American military strength and modernization.

The proliferation of ballistic missiles and weapons of mass destruction has placed the United States at risk. The American people must be defended against limited ballistic missile attack or nuclear intimidation from rogue states and terrorists. That is why I introduced the Defend America Act, to require the deployment of a national missile defense system by the year 2003. When we do send our troops to foreign lands, they should be placed under U.S., not U.N., command. American lives should be risked only for American interests.

**Q.** What should be done about veterans suffering from Gulf War Syndrome, and what must be done in the future to protect our troops from similar afflictions?

**CLINTON:** Besides pressing for unprecedented legislation to compensate these veterans, I directed the Departments of Veterans' Affairs (VA), Defense (DoD) and Health and Human Services to collaborate on



research, clinical issues and disability compensation.

We formed the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses to review the matter and make recommendations. That effort is one reason DoD was able to confirm that, shortly after the war, U.S. troops destroyed an Iraqi ammunition bunker that contained chemical weapons. While we have no evidence that Americans were exposed to those weapons, it shows we are continuing to put together the pieces of the puzzle.

We have set up environmental-hazards research centers at three veterans' hospitals. VA and DoD investigators have started major epidemiological studies. We have surveyed the health of 30,000 veterans and have undertaken an array of more than 70 other research initiatives.

Some of our VA hospitals are participating in a health examination program for spouses and children to help us better understand the prevalence of illnesses in Persian Gulf veterans' families. Both the VA and the DoD have established toll-free hotlines.

During Desert Storm we learned some crucial lessons about our chemical-weapons detectors and protective suits. We have selected for production a new detector that will be more reliable and will virtually eliminate false alarms. We are also in the process of procuring lightweight, highly protective suits for all the services.

**DOLE:** I will continue to strongly support programs to assist veterans suffering from Gulf War Syndrome. VA and DoD need to take this issue seriously, and Persian Gulf veterans' claims must be considered.

**Q.** What can you do to encourage the creation of good, high-paying jobs and their availability to veterans?

**CLINTON:** As the military has downsized after the Cold War, the Department of Labor's veterans employment service and Transition Assistance Program have helped millions of veterans and separating service members and their spouses find jobs.

I know the critical importance of education in today's economy and have consistently supported the Montgomery GI Bill. My administration has also maintained a firm commitment to veterans' preference in federal hiring. In fact, while overall federal hiring declined under my administration, we have increased the percentage of veterans hired—from 17 percent of all full-time federal hires in 1991 to 31 percent in 1995.

A strong economy and these concerted efforts have helped reduce the veterans' unemployment rate during my administration from 7.2 percent in January 1993 to 3.9 percent in May 1996.

**DOLE:** I believe in economic opportunity for all Americans by adopting policies that promote jobs and economic growth. This means balancing the budget by cutting wasteful government spending, lowering taxes on working families to encourage savings and investment in job-creating activities, and curtailing burdensome federal regulations that



cost the U.S. economy an estimated \$500 billion annually, or \$6,000 per family. Balancing the budget and cutting taxes are two sides of the same coin—restoring money and power to the real engine of the American economy—the American people.

One of the most important legal rights of veterans is veterans' preference in federal government hiring. The enforcement of these employment rights in federal contracting and veterans re-employment has been weak and inconsistent.

I will provide strong leadership in support of veterans employment in federal agencies. I will enforce the prohibition on discrimination against veterans. I will place veterans on the White House staff and in high policy-making positions.

**Q.** How can you assist The American Legion in maintaining high-quality VA health care?

**CLINTON:** My fiscal year 1997 budget contains a proposal to allow VA medical facilities to retain a portion of the



**Bill Clinton**

**"...the confusing system for determining eligibility for VA health care is not conducive to the delivery of good medicine."**

# THE THIRD PARTIES

POLLS show that a majority of voters support a third-party alternative to the Democrats and Republicans. Ross Perot's Reform Party is the most visible of them and is given credit for making a balanced budget into a national issue. However, most American voters will be able to select from presidential candidates representing other political parties as well. The U.S. Taxpayers Party, the Libertarian Party and the Green Party will be on 30 or more state ballots.

These parties exist because of the perception that the two major parties are not accountable to the American people. As in the presidential election of 1992, it is likely that the winner of this year's contest will receive a plurality, not a majority, of the vote.

What follows is a summary of where these parties stand on some of the crucial issues:

**The Reform Party:** Favors "fair trade," new restrictions on lobbyists, term limits for Congress, balanced-budget amendment, replacement of Electoral College with direct vote, major changes in Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, creation of a "fair" tax system and voter approval of federal tax increases.

**The Libertarian Party**

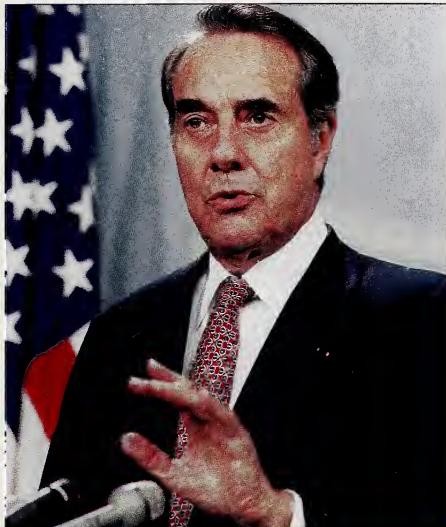
(presidential candidate is financial author Harry Browne): Favors legalization of drugs, no federal involvement in the abortion issue, unlimited legal immigration, no gun control laws, end to foreign aid, term limits for Congress, withdrawal of U.S. troops from foreign countries, construction of a missile-defense system. Also wants to sell federal assets to pay off government debt.

**The U.S. Taxpayers Party** (founded by conservative activist Howard Phillips): End legal abortion, withdraw from the United Nations and all international monetary and financial institutions, crack down on foreign countries smuggling drugs to America, stop "oppressive" taxation, abolish congressional pensions, support gun rights, abolish the Federal Reserve, and cut the federal government "down to constitutional size."

**The Green Party** (Ralph Nader is its presidential nominee, but says he doesn't share all of the Green Party's positions on the issues): Favors decriminalization of illegal drugs, 75 percent cut in the defense budget, animal rights, abortion rights and gay rights, gun registration, abolition of the CIA, free birth control devices and more power for the United Nations. □

money VA collects from health insurers. And I have directed VA and the Health Care Financing Administration to work together on developing a demonstration project that will allow VA facilities to receive Medicare reimbursement for care provided to upper-income, non-service connected Medicare-eligible veterans.

I recognize that the confusing system for determining eligibility for VA health care services is not conducive to the delivery of good medicine and is in dire need of reform. I



**Bob Dole**

**"I believe we need a top-to-bottom review of the VA to improve services while meeting our obligation to veterans."**

have submitted a comprehensive eligibility reform measure to Congress.

**DOLE:** I believe we need a top-to-bottom review of the VA to improve services while meeting our obligation to veterans. I fully agree that administrative decentralization of VA facilities would greatly improve the services provided to veterans. We need to start placing greater emphasis on ambulatory, and inpatient and outpatient, care.

**Q.** What will you do to ensure that veterans are not denied the benefits they earned serving their country?

**CLINTON:** I have lived up to my promises to improve veterans' benefits and health services in the budget increases I have requested; in improved services for women veterans, homeless veterans, former prisoners of war and veterans exposed to environmental hazards; in a strengthened and restructured veterans' health care system; and in the unprecedented access veterans and their organizations have to the administration.

I have fought to ensure that veterans and military retirees receive their full cost-of-living adjustments. My administra-

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# Hanging Tough In A **HOSTILE WORLD**

**The next president will be judged on how well he uses the “Interwar Period” to prepare for the strife the future holds.**



**By Bruce Gudmundsson**

**W**HEN, IN January of 1997, the president takes the oath of office, there will be much discussion of the times in which he serves. In print, and on television, radio, and the internet, pundits will make much of the task ahead, and cheerfully provide both diagnosis and cure for America's ills. Those who wish to appear especially wise will mention the challenges of the "Post-Cold War Era," carefully stressing each syllable to give

undeserved gravity to an otherwise clumsy phrase.

The advice these commentators give will vary in quality. Decades from now, historians studying the late 1990s will spill much ink debating which bit of freely offered wisdom the president should have heeded and which he should have ignored. The one thing these future students of our present times will agree on, however, will be that we used a curious term to describe our present decade. Writing after the end of America's next war, these scholars will place the presidential term that begins in 1997, not in the "Post-Cold War Era," but in something they will call the "Interwar Period."

The immediate challenges of this "Interwar Period" will be many. The inevitable reduction in defense spending will force the president and his advisors to determine what in the budget is expendable fat and what is indispensable muscle. The saber rattling of

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petty tyrants, whether they lead medium-sized countries or organizations without borders, will require appropriate response. Terrorism, which has become a way of life in many parts of the world, will have to be dealt with in a way that both puts existing terrorists out of business and preserves the very liberties that terrorists attempt to turn against us. Local conflicts in the undeveloped world, though they pose no direct threat to Americans or America's interests, will often force the president to choose between jumping in a potential quagmire and asking the most powerful nation in the world to stand by while children starve and adults massacre each other by the tens of thousands.

Difficult as they are, these dilemmas pale in comparison to the greatest challenge that lies ahead for the commander-in-chief to be inaugurated next January, the challenge of preparing for the next war. The difficulties involved with



**TOP FLIGHT—Our military must have the technological advances necessary to deal with any threat.**

**READY TO GO—U.S. troops, such as these arriving in Bosnia, are likely to serve in a variety of missions.**

this job begin with the fact that many Americans are extremely uncomfortable with the idea that our future holds another conflict on the scale of the Vietnam War, the Korean War, or even the Second World War. Further difficulties are created by the fact that neither the president, nor anyone else, will be able to find out much about this conflict until it is well under way.

Future historians will, of course, know a great deal about this war. They will know the enemy, the location of the battles and campaigns, the duration of the conflict, and the weapons that proved decisive. With perfect hindsight, they will know when the war began, how it was fought and when it ended. Unfortunately, this same information will not be available to either our next president or his successors. The people who must lay the foundations for our future victory will not even be able to determine the decade in which the next war will take place.

Indeed, those responsible for the defense of the Republic can only be sure of two things. First, as the lion has yet to lie down with the lamb, America will, sooner or later, be drawn into armed conflict. Second, how we fare in that conflict, whether we win or lose, depends heavily upon what the president does, or fails to do, as commander-in-chief.

**I**F THE president knew where, when and against whom the next war would be fought, he would have a relatively easy job. Like President Roosevelt in the years leading up to World War II, he could point out the enemy, build a consensus to obtain the necessary resources, and use those resources to custom-tailor our armed forces for the challenge ahead. Unfortunately, neither the president nor anyone else has any certain knowledge about these things. The enemy could be China. It could be a federation of radical Islamic

states or a revived Soviet Union. The enemy could be a force that doesn't even exist at the moment. The year could be 2005, 2015 or 2025. The location could be anywhere, or, as we have seen twice in this century, nearly everywhere in the world.

Deciding on which preparations to make is made even more difficult by the dynamic nature of weapons technology. The advantage offered by a new and powerful weapon is a temporary one. It lasts as long as it takes the enemy to develop an effective countermeasure. Because of this, we must be careful not to bet American lives on the performance of a single weapon. At present, American jets rule the skies and our submarines dominate the ocean depths. The odds are, however, that someone will eventually come up with a device or two that make these things as obsolete as horse cavalry.

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# THE WEALTH AND HEALTH OF OUR NATION

**Slash deficits. Reform taxes.  
Put Americans to work. Crucial  
economic issues face the next president.**

**By Gordon Williams**

**I**HE AMERICAN people expect a lot from their president over the next four years. But what they want most is to see the economy revved up—and to win the better jobs and earn the fatter paychecks a stronger economy would bring.

"The challenge to the next president will be to formulate a growth strategy that will get our sluggish economy expanding once again," advises economist Murray Weidenbaum, chairman of the Center for the Study of American Business at Washington University of St. Louis. In 1981 Weidenbaum was top economic advisor to the newly elected president, Ronald Reagan, under whom we enjoyed the longest peacetime economic recovery ever.

A high-growth economy suits the American style of doing business and it certainly suits the American spirit. It feels wrong when our economy labors as it has the past half-dozen years. Jobs in certain sectors are hard to find these days. Consumer incomes don't seem to rise the way they used to. The

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gap between rich and poor grows wider than it used to. Many Americans see themselves working harder than ever just to get by.

The news from the professional economists sounds good. As they measure things, the U.S. economy is in recovery. That means the economy has shown some growth every quarter since March 1991. But we have a ways to go.

This far into an average recovery, our economy would have grown by 30 percent. So far in the present recovery, economic growth is 13 percent.

This far into an average recovery, jobs would have grown by 18 percent. So far in the present recovery, jobs have grown by 10 percent.

This far into an average recovery, our after-tax incomes would have grown by 27 percent. This time around, incomes are up by only 12 percent.

Compared with the past (and perhaps more important, compared with how Americans want it to be again), our economy could fare better. More jobs should be created and more spendable dollars put into our pockets.

That won't be easy. In winning the battle for economic growth, we don't want to give back ground in our struggle against inflation. If the bad news is that economic growth is substandard, the good news is that inflation is down from the double-digit levels of 15 years ago to barely 3 percent today. Some experts worry that jump-starting



the economy may bring back the inflation that crippled us in the 1970s.

This is why many worry about the one easy answer to revving up the economy: cutting taxes. Past presidents, Democrats and Republicans alike, have done so in the past. And it is possible that new tax cuts now would pump enough money into the economy to kick it into high gear later.

A tax cut could accomplish other positive things, says Weidenbaum, who calls personal savings "the vital seed corn that makes for economic growth." As a nation, we don't save



much. A key reason, he says, is that our government taxes savings more heavily than any other nation in the world. A tax cut that lowers the burden on personal savings would surely help stimulate the economy.

Unfortunately, simply cutting taxes and letting it go at that could also do a lot of harm. That extra spending power from lower taxes—hitting the economy all at once—would probably accelerate inflation. Soon the gains from faster growth would be eaten up.

What a big tax cut now absolutely would do is inflate the federal budget

deficit—and that's not a good idea either. In just skimming the headlines, most people assume our budget deficit is still out of control. That's not so, says Lyle Gramley, consulting economist to the Mortgage Bankers Association and a member of the Federal Reserve board in the 1980s. Measure the deficit as a percent of our total economy, says Gramley, and it is the smallest of any industrial country. In other words, we've already made greater strides than most people realize in cutting the deficit.

The bigger the deficit, the more

Uncle Sam must borrow. That extra borrowing by Uncle Sam pushes interest rates higher and reduces the amount of money left for borrowing and spending by companies and consumers. The more we cut the deficit, the less borrowing the government must do. That should bring interest rates down—and make more money available for everyone else wanting to borrow, from businesses looking to expand to ordinary folks who want to buy new homes and cars.

**T**HE best news about getting the economy growing again is that the next president will not be starting from scratch. A lot of what *will* get the economy rolling again is already in place. That why the advice of Irwin Kellner, chief economist at New York's giant Chase Manhattan bank is: "Take the work that has already been done and improve on it."

We have already brought inflation down to relatively low levels. The budget deficit already has been substantially reduced as a percent of our total economy. American corporations used to be so big and bloated they couldn't compete in the world. "Now, the corporate sector has restructured itself and is in generally good shape," says Dr. Gramley. That newfound health for American business is almost certainly why the number of jobs has grown far more rapidly than expected through most of 1996. Here are more specifics on what needs to be done:

• **The budget deficit.** Further cuts are essential. The advice from most economists is to keep moving us along the road we're already on—aiming for a balanced budget after 2000.

Just the shift of money from Uncle Sam's pockets to those of Mr. and Mrs. Citizen would go a long way toward revving up the economy, since spending by business and consumers tends to give the economy a bigger lift than spending by government. The more you can cut the deficit, the more latitude you have to cut taxes—which, as we've seen, would give a further lift to the economy.

No one says further cuts in the deficit will be easy. Such a strategy may well involve tackling those "entitlement" programs like Social Security and Medicare that consume so much of our national spending. They just keep growing and growing, with no

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# HOW CONGRESS VOTED

**U.S. SENATE**

THE Dec. 12, 1995, vote on Senate Joint Resolution 31, the proposed flag-protection amendment, was 63-36, falling three votes short of the required two-thirds majority needed for passage. One seat was vacant at the time of the vote. Here's how senators voted on the flag amendment:

KEY:	D—Democrat	R—Republican	Y—Yes	N—No
<b>ALABAMA</b>		<b>LOUISIANA</b>		<b>OHIO</b>
Heflin—D	Y	Johnston—D	Y	Glenn—D
Shelby—R		Breaux—D	Y	DeWine—R
<b>ALASKA</b>		<b>MAINE</b>		<b>OKLAHOMA</b>
Stevens—R	Y	Cohen—R	Y	Nickles—R
Murkowski—R	Y	Snowe—R	Y	Inhofe—R
<b>ARIZONA</b>		<b>MARYLAND</b>		<b>OREGON</b>
Kyl—R	Y	Sarbanes—D	N	Hatfield—R
McCain—R	Y	Mikulski—L	N	(vacant seat)
<b>ARKANSAS</b>		<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>		<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>
Bumpers—D	N	Kerry—D	N	Specter—R
Pryor—D	N	Kennedy—D	N	Santorum—R
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>MICHIGAN</b>		<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>
Feinstein—D	Y	Levin—D	N	Pell—D
Boxer—D	N	Abraham—R	Y	Chafee—R
<b>COLORADO</b>		<b>MINNESOTA</b>		<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>
Nighthorse— Campbell—R	Y	Wellstone—D	N	Thurmond—R
Brown—R		Grams—R	Y	Hollings—D
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>		<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>		<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>
Dodd—D	N	Cochran—D	Y	Pressler—R
Lieberman—D	N	Lott—R	Y	Daschle—D
<b>DELAWARE</b>		<b>MISSOURI</b>		<b>TENNESSEE</b>
Biden—D	N	Bond—R	Y	Thompson—R
Roth—R	Y	Ashcroft—R	Y	Frist—R
<b>FLORIDA</b>		<b>MONTANA</b>		<b>TEXAS</b>
Graham—D	Y	Baucus—D	Y	Gramm—R
Mack—R	Y	Burns—R	Y	Hutchison—R
<b>GEORGIA</b>		<b>NEBRASKA</b>		<b>UTAH</b>
Nunn—D	Y	Exon—D	Y	Kerry—D
Coverdell—R	Y	Kerry—D	N	Hatch—R
<b>HAWAII</b>		<b>NEVADA</b>		Bennett—R
Akaka—D	N	Reid—D	Y	<b>VERMONT</b>
Inouye—D	N	Bryan—D	Y	Leahy—D
<b>IDAHO</b>		<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>		Jeffords—R
Craig—R	Y	Smith—R	Y	<b>VIRGINIA</b>
Kempthorne—R	Y	Gregg—R	Y	Warner—R
<b>ILLINOIS</b>		<b>NEW JERSEY</b>		Robb—D
Simon—D	N	Bradley—D	N	<b>WASHINGTON</b>
Moseley-Braun—D	N	Lautenberg—D	N	Gorton—R
<b>INDIANA</b>		<b>NEW MEXICO</b>		Murray—D
Lugar—R	Y	Domenici—R	Y	<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>
Coats—R	Y	Bingaman—D	N	Byrd—D
<b>IAWA</b>		<b>NEW YORK</b>		Rockefeller—D
Grassley—R	Y	Moynihan—D	N	<b>WISCONSIN</b>
Harkin—D	N	D'Amato—R	Y	Kohl—D
<b>KANSAS</b>		<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>		Feingold—D
Dole—R	Y	Helms—R	Y	<b>WYOMING</b>
Kassebaum—R	Y	Faircloth—R	Y	Simpson—R
<b>KENTUCKY</b>		<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>		Thomas—R
McConnell—R	N	Conrad—D	N	
Ford—D	Y	Dorgan—D	N	



## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THE House of Representatives approved House Joint Resolution 79, the flag-protection amendment on June 28, 1995, 312-120. Passage of a constitutional amendment by the House requires two-thirds vote, or 290. All 435 seats in the House are up for election next month. Here's how House members voted on the flag amendment:

KEY:	D—Democrat	R—Republican	Y	Yes	N—No	D/VN—Did Not Vote
<b>ALABAMA</b>			Calvert—R	Y	Radanovich—R	Y
Bachus—R	Y	Condit—D	Y	Riggs—R	Y	
Bevill—D	Y	Cox—R	Y	Rohrabacher—R	Y	
Browder—D	Y	Cunningham—R	Y	Royal—Allard—D		
Callahan—R	Y	Dellums—D	N	Royce—R	Y	
Cramer—D	Y	Dixon—D	Y	Seastrand—R	Y	
Everett—D	Y	Dooley—D	Y	Stark—D	N	
Hilliard—D	Y	Doolittle—R	Y	Thomas—R	Y	
		Doman—R	Y	Torres—D		
<b>ALASKA</b>			Dreier—R	Y	Tucker—D	Y
D. Young—R	Y	Eshoo—D	N	Waters—D	N	
		Farr—D	N	Waxman—D	N	
<b>ARIZONA</b>			Fazio—D	N	Woolsey—D	N
Kolbe—R		Filner—D	N			
Hayworth—R	Y	Gallegly—R	Y	<b>COLORADO</b>		
Pastor—D	N	Harman—D	Y	Allard—R		
Salmon—R	Y	Herger—R	Y	Helpy—R	Y	
Shadegg—R	N	Horn—R	Y	McNamee—R	Y	
Stump—R	Y	Hunter—R	Y	Schafer—R	Y	
		Kim—R	Y	Schroeder—D	N	
<b>ARKANSAS</b>			Lantos—D	Y	Skaggs—D	N
Dickey—R	Y	Jerry Lewis—R	Y			
Hutchinson—R	Y	Lofgren—D	N	<b>CONNECTICUT</b>		
Lambert-Lincoln—D	Y	Martinez—D	Y	Del’Auro—D		
Thornton—D	Y	Matsui—D	N	G. Franks—R	Y	
		McKeon—R	Y	Gejdenson—D	N	
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>			G. Miller—D	N	N. Johnson—R	Y
W. Baker—R	Y	Mineta—D	Y	Kennelly—D	Y	
Becerra—D	N	Moorehead—R	Y	Shays—R	N	
Bevill—D	N	Packard—R	Y			
Berman—D	N	Pelosi—D	N	<b>DELAWARE</b>		
Bilbrey—R	Y	Pombo—R	Y	Castle—R		
Bono—R	Y					
G. Brown—D	N					

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## Prescription For Change

**W**HEN THE Veterans Administration's medical system was established in the 1930s, it was designed to provide care for *all* of America's veterans, particularly specialized treatment for those injured or disabled in the line of duty. Today, obtaining health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs is not always easy, and many veterans find that entrance into the system is virtually impossible. Consider what many veterans and their families face:

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- You served more than two decades in the military, throughout the world, and moved your family from base to base during your career. When you signed up, the govern-

ment promised you health care if you made the military your life's work. You are enrolled in CHAMPUS or Tri-Care until you turn 65, then you convert to Medicare. Of course you can receive free care at a military hospital on a "space available" basis if the space exists. You want to use your CHAMPUS or Medicare at the VA, but find out that they cannot accept those payments.

• You are a veteran of World War II and Korea, and now that you and your spouse are retired, you are covered under Medicare. You might even have a Medicare supplement or some medical benefits from the company where you retired. You check with the VA hospital to see if you can use those medical benefits for you and your wife. By law, the VA cannot accept

Medicare benefits.

At a time when the costs of health care are bearing down on every American, there is a way to ensure that every veteran and his or her family has the opportunity to receive quality and comprehensive medical care. The way is the "GI Bill



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By Joe Stuterville



## The American Legion GI Bill of Health

of Health," a revolutionary plan to revive, strengthen and expand VA health care, drafted and developed by The American Legion. It is a visionary blueprint for changing the VA's Veterans Health Administration, the nation's largest public health care agency.

Over the last 15 years, funding for veterans' health care has not kept pace with the actual costs of inflation and the private medical sector. Moreover, eligibility rules are so strict and have become so exclusionary that many veterans are shut out of the system. It's not the fault of the VA, but rather, its budget. As federal dollars shrink, government has restricted the number of patients served to match the dollars.

"The GI Bill of Health reverses the restrictions imposed on veterans served by the VA because of funding shortfalls," says National Commander Joseph Frank of Missouri, who, as a combat-disabled Vietnam War veteran, is a lifelong client of the VA medical system. "The GI Bill of Health addresses the needs of America's veterans and their loved ones, and at the same time finds new funding for the VA health-care delivery system. Medicare, Medicaid, CHAMPUS, Tri-Care and third-party payers would use the VA, which would be allowed to retain the money from these sources.

"For the first time in the history of this country, veterans would have the option of choosing the VA as their primary health-care provider," says Frank.

The American Legion saw the problems posed by a growing population of veterans and their unique needs at the beginning of the decade and determined something more was needed. A plan for the next century was needed to make a good system even better—and we stepped forward.

Discussion and planning that led to the GI Bill of Health began as early as

1991 among American Legion leaders. Delegates to the 1993 National Convention in Pittsburgh approved **Resolution 2 (VA&R)**, The American Legion Proposal on Veterans Health Care, later known as the "Gold Book." This sweeping proposal also was an opportunity for the federal government to take a serious look at the future needs of veterans, ranging from those with service-connected disabilities, to the poor, to the catastrophically ill—and to those veterans and their families looking for a health-care system to meet their total needs.

The "Gold Book" plan received the full blessing of the Legion's rank-and-file membership when delegates to the 1995 National Convention reaffirmed and refined the action of the 1993 National Convention and approved **Resolution 141 (VA&R Convention Committee)**, which was referred to as "The American Legion Veterans' Health Care Security Plan." The plan was christened the "GI Bill of Health" at the 1996 Spring Meeting of the National Executive Committee in Indianapolis, and the National Legislative Commission was authorized to develop a strategy for early implementation of the proposal.

"Under our plan, the VA would offer basic, comprehensive and supplemental benefit packages to veterans and their dependents," says National VA&R Commission Chairman Chet Stellar of Ohio. "The VA medical system is at a crossroads. Eligibility restrictions, exclusions and barriers wrought by years of under-budgeting have hampered the delivery of services to our veterans. We can either restructure the system and become more innovative—or stay restrictive."

As proposed, the GI Bill of Health will:

- Reorganize the VA health-care system to improve access, quality and efficiency of the medical care provided to veterans.



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- Operate the veterans' health-care system based upon the principles of "managed care," a system by which the total health-care needs are monitored by a team of VA medical professionals.
- Assure all veterans with service-connected disabilities and illnesses have access to all services necessary for the treatment of their disabilities at no charge to the veteran, and assure all veterans with service-connected disabilities of 50 percent or greater have access to all VA health-care services at no cost.
- Assure all special category veterans, indigent and service-connected veterans rated under 50 percent have access to VA health services at no charge or at reduced prices.
- Assure the long-term viability of the VA health care system by encouraging veterans and their dependents who currently do not receive care to enroll in the GI Bill of Health program.
- Improve the long-term financial health of the VA health-care system by bringing in revenue from other federal health programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, CHAMPUS and Tricare; also, allow participation of third-party payers (private insurance companies and employers).
- Permit the VA to retain all payments made to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for health-care services instead of turning over what it collects to the U.S. Treasury.
- Eliminate unnecessary, duplicative or contradictory regulations that

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**PAVING THE WAY**

- 1 The GI Bill of Health will end tough decisions as to who is eligible for VA care.
- 2 VA physicians will be able to fully concentrate on treating patients with acute medical needs.
- 3 VA will provide specialized treatment for unique health needs of both service- and non-service-connected vets.
- 4 Long lines of patients waiting for treatment will be greatly reduced under the GI Bill of Health.

## **"The GI Bill of Health is the right thing to do, and the time for change is now."**

**National Commander**  
**Joseph Frank**

hamper the VA's ability to operate more efficiently and effectively.

- Ensure federal appropriations for the VA will be based on a system that evaluates a patient's total health care needs and costs as determined by a VA health evaluation group.

- Require the secretary of Veterans' Affairs to report to Congress at designated intervals on the financial condition of the VHA and the quality of care given to all who are served by the VA.

The GI Bill of Health already has gained some momentum on Capitol Hill. On Aug. 2, Rep. James B. Longley Jr., R-Maine, a Marine Corps veteran and Legionnaire in the Department of Maine, introduced the measure in the House of Representatives. The bill, also co-sponsored by longtime veterans' issues advocate Rep. Gerald Solomon,

R-N.Y., and Rep. Bernard Sanders, an Independent from Vermont, is getting a going-over by their colleagues as the 104th Congress comes to a close.

"What is truly dynamic about the GI Bill of Health is that it will expand choices available to veterans and it will integrate Medicare and other key health insurance coverage reimbursement plans into the veterans' health-care system," Longley says.

The GI Bill of Health is a new way of thinking about the VA medical system and would be a fundamental shift in how the department serves veterans. Many observers who have examined the plan say it will reduce overall costs of providing care while maintaining top-notch service.

VA health care is a system that has served the nation well. It not only serves as the leader in medical research

(prosthetics and sensory aids devices), but it also trains half the nation's physicians and serves as the primary medical backup to the Defense Department during war. One little-known but important mission of the VA is that its hospitals provide medical support for the Federal



Emergency Management Agency, which responds to hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes and other such calamities.

That's why on the 52nd anniversary of the Legion's greatest legislative triumph—the drafting and steering to completion of the 1944 Servicemen's Readjustment Act (the GI Bill)—the nation's largest veterans organization is walking the point again for the nation's veterans. "The GI Bill of Health guarantees the federal government and nation will stand by its pledge and legal obligations to its veterans," Frank says. "The VA medical system is one worth not only saving, but worth expanding to meet the needs of women and men who have served their country and who now turn to their country to be served."

"The VA was there for me when I needed it, and I believe it should be there for all deserving veterans and their families," Frank says. "The GI Bill of Health is the right thing to do, and the time for change is now." □

*Editor's note: This is the first installment of a series focusing on the GI Bill of Health.*

# Postman's Plan Fails to Deliver

**P**OSTMASTER GENERAL Marvin Runyon didn't exactly lend his stamp of approval to veterans' preference legislation recently passed as Veterans' Employment Opportunities Act, **HR 3586**. The American Legion obtained a copy of a June 18 letter written by Runyon to members of the Postal Service's Board of Governors.

Runyon was critical of the bill, introduced by Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., which expands existing veterans' preference rights not only in the Postal Service but within other government agencies. In his letter to board members, Runyon said passage of the bill would "tie our hands in operating our selection, placement and organizational restructuring in a businesslike way," and would make postal managers' job "more difficult and onerous."

The American Legion believes Runyon's assertions failed to deliver in giving veterans priority when applying for, or seeking advancement in, the federal workforce. "We're outraged that the head of the Postal Service would abuse the power of his appointed office to deny veterans a small advantage in hiring and retention on the job," immediate Past National Commander

Daniel A. Ludwig wrote in a letter last July.

Runyon went on to say in his letter that opposition to Mica's bill might have fallout: "This is a difficult issue to oppose publicly, especially in an election year."

"Our veterans deserve this small measure of support (**HR 3586**)—and the ongoing ineptitude of the postmaster general should not be rewarded by bowing to this heavy-handed, misguided attempt at political extortion," said Ludwig.

The Legion strongly supports **HR 3586** because it will close many of the loopholes that federal managers often use to circumvent veterans' preference statutes—including the reductions-in-force at the Postal Service which Runyon gave his blessing to in 1992.

Rep. Bob Stump, R-Ariz., chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee lauded passage of **HR 3586**. "It is perhaps the most important improvement in veterans' preference in more than 50 years," he said of the bill which cleared the House by voice vote on July 30. "This bill puts real teeth into enforcement, and it appropriately expands veterans' preference to the legislative and judicial branches of the federal government."

## Gulf Vets Sought

**R**ESEARCHERS at the University of Texas are looking for Persian Gulf veterans to volunteer for a study to compare health outcomes with chemical exposures. In addition to these veterans, researchers also plan to study participants suffering from health problems associated with multiple chemical sensitivity and others who have received breast and temporomandibular implants.

Study participants will be asked to complete a questionnaire regarding their exposures and symptoms. Volunteers must be at least 18. No compensation or benefits are tied to individuals taking part in the study. For a questionnaire, write: Dr. Claudia Miller, University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio, Department of Family Practice, 7703 Floyd Curl Dr., San Antonio, TX 78284-7794, or call (210) 567-4557 and ask for Dr. Miller.

## DSOs' Roles Changing

**A**MERICAN Legion Department Service Officers (DSOs) always have been on the front lines in representing veterans claims before the VA, but now they must walk farther out on

the point for their clients.

"The role of the veterans' advocate has changed dramatically with the establishment of the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals," says Ron Abrams, training director of the National Veterans Legal Services Project.

Abrams made his remarks at The American Legion Department Service Officers School last July in Indianapolis.

He urged DSOs to advise their clients not to communicate directly with the VA during the adjudication process; rather, deal exclusively with his or her service officer.

John Higgins of the Indianapolis VA Regional Office encouraged DSOs to work more closely with hearing officers.

"In 1994, there were 54 hearing officers across the United States," he said. "In 1996, we have 72 people on board. These new officers are still learning the nuances of the job. They want to help deserving veterans obtain compensation and pensions, and if you work closely with them, perhaps they can more clearly see the cases you bring before them."

During the three-day school, more than 100 DSOs traded information on how they have been dealing with

claims cases in their areas, discussed problem areas and were briefed on the Legion-proposed "GI Bill of Health" plan for restructuring the VA health system and eligibility reform.

## Vets' Children Compensated

**V**IETNAM veterans' children suffering from spina bifida would be eligible for health care and other benefits if a bill recently introduced in Congress is enacted.

**S**2008, introduced by Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., would provide medical treatment, case management services, limited vocational rehabilitation and a monthly stipend based on the severity of child's condition. If passed, it would mark the first time the government has agreed to compensate veterans' children for health problems related to their parents' military service.

A recent National Academy of Sciences report revealed evidence suggesting a link between exposure to Agent Orange and the occurrence of spina bifida.

"This bill is an important step in easing the burden of innocent, indirect victims of our country's use of Agent Orange during the Vietnam War," Daschle said. □



## BOYS NATION CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH STYLE

**F**RESH on the heels of America's victory in WWII, the first American Legion Boys Nation convened in 1946. Since then, Boys Nation has harnessed the fresh ideas and youthful enthusiasm its delegates possess when they attend this apprenticeship in public service.

Every delegate also brings a track record of success on his home turf that results in passionate debates, frequent arguments and, in many cases, friendships that last a lifetime. Boys Nation delegates from 48 states met in the Wash-

ington, D.C., area for 10 days of work and learning last July aimed at enriching their lives and producing better citizens.

"This program refines some things for these kids. I won't say it makes them good citizens, because they've already proven they are that. But it does make good citizens even better, perhaps great," says Joseph Caouette Jr., chairman of the National Americanism Commission.

Delegates face a tough but enjoyable regimen, including listening to guest speakers and going on field trips, all while the young

men run a mock Senate dealing with very real issues. Between discussions of English as the official language, illegal immigration, flag protection, welfare reform and affirmative action, delegates visited the White House, Arlington National Cemetery, Capitol Hill, Fort McHenry, the FBI and the Department of State.

Leadership is a cornerstone of this program, and

that truly shows in the Boys Nation president. This year, 17-year-old Kem Thomas

Footman of Indiana was selected by his peers. "This is definitely a humbling experience to be here with the best of the best. These guys are the elite. You have two guys from each state, and they're all intelligent, have their own opinions and are well-versed in the issues. If I take one thing home from here it will be how to be humble," Footman says.

As for the historic anniversary of this program, Legion officials couldn't be more delighted. "The extra few days this 50th year allowed us to truly showcase the best and the brightest," Caouette says. "It's been an evolutionary process of improvement. One should never be satisfied—there's always room for improvement. I think that's a philosophy shared by (program director) Ron Engel and (activities director) Jack Mercier, and really all the staff. We're pleased with the program but continually strive to make it better," Caouette adds.

So, while the nightly news may portray a nation in decline, don't tell that to these young people. They're here to take a stand and to take on the challenges ahead in the 21st Century. Like their young counterparts who attended the inaugural Boys Nation when Harry Truman lived at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, they are the future. □



FOOTMAN

## CFA BEGINS FINAL PUSH IN GET OUT THE VOTE CAMPAIGN

**B**EADY to deliver on the "See you in November" statement from last year, CFA President Daniel S. Wheeler recently outlined plans to ensure the flag-protection amendment achieves passage in the 105th Congress.

"Our strategy in 1994 and 1995 worked with great success in the House of Representatives, where the amendment passed 312-120. Unfortunately, a determined and misguided minority in the U.S. Senate thwarted a final victory for Old Glory," Wheeler says.

To ensure the people know how candidates in the November elections feel about an amendment to protect the flag from physical desecration, the Citizens Flag Alliance has launched a vitally important campaign. Similar to The American Legion's long-standing "Get Out the Vote" program, CFA's program is a two-phase approach to winning passage of a flag amendment.

A key element of the program is a voter registration drive designed to get eligible voters ready to go to the polls this fall. Flag



supporters will be asked to sign pledges, and they will be contacted as Nov. 5 Election Day nears and reminded of their promise to "vote for the flag."

An integral part of the program entails educating all voters on how their incumbent members of Congress voted on the flag amendment.

Relying on information from public-opinion surveys, voters are less likely to support candidates who do not support the flag.

Particular emphasis has been placed on key states like Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota and New Jersey. Congressional seats gained by flag supporters would greatly increase the amendment's chance at passage in 1997, Wheeler says.

National Commander Joseph Frank heartily endorses this voter registration drive. "This campaign is a non-partisan registration and get-out-the-vote program aimed at encouraging all Americans to perform their civic duty and vote, thereby upholding and preserving the privileges and ideals of democracy symbolized by the American flag," says Frank. □

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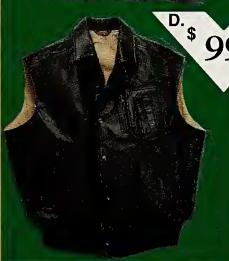
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# JOSEPH J. FRANK

# MISSOURI'S GO-TO GUY

## Elected National Commander

**I**N EVERY group there are usually one or two people who make things happen. National Commander Joseph J. Frank has always been one of those people: the go-to guy when an important task needs to get done.

Clergy, elected officials, VA administrators and Legionnaires have called on National Commander Frank. And having seen what he can do, they say there's no one they'd rather have in their corner.

National Commander Frank learned how to overcome obstacles as an Army combat engineer in Vietnam (1966-68). A North Vietnamese land mine might have put him in a wheelchair, but it couldn't deter him from standing up for his fellow veterans.

The "handicapped" label has never fit National Commander Frank—and that's just the way he wants it.

"It's a great feeling when you can touch someone's life in a positive manner," says Frank, a member of Post 777, Crestwood, Mo. "Helping people who cannot help themselves is a part of my life."

For confirmation, you need only ask Dr. Robert M. Woolsey. Finding employment for disabled veterans in St. Louis was a struggle until the job market met Frank, says Woolsey, chief of the spinal cord injury service at Jefferson Barracks VA Medical Center in St. Louis. "[As our employment coordinator], Joe took his positive attitude to area employers, demonstrated the value of disabled veterans as workers, and we soon had more jobs than we could fill."

Woolsey pauses as he remembers the unspeakable toll that serious injuries took on young men returning in the 1970s. "We had a lot of patients who had spinal cord injuries from active duty in Vietnam," he says. "They felt their lives were over and Joe was an inspiration to them."

*A North Vietnamese land mine robbed him of his ability to walk, but Joseph Frank stands tall for God, country and his fellow veterans.*



Everywhere Frank went, he found a way to improve someone's life, adds John R. Eckhoff, veterans services manager for the St. Louis County Office for Veterans Affairs. "As a readjustment counselor at Vet Centers, I called upon Joe for advice. He would seek out people, and he turned many guys around."

Frank's people skills are only outdone, perhaps, by his caring, positive attitude about making America a better place to live for all veterans. His career in The American Legion was guided by these principles; his résumé grew because his leadership was recognized, needed and called upon, not because he wanted to be National Commander someday.

Frank's Legion eligibility began in 1966 with his service in the 39th Engineer Battalion. He was honorably discharged in April 1968. Right after his return, he enlisted in American Legion Post 162 in LeMay, Mo. Years later, he allied himself with other Legionnaires

to form Post 777, which today is known as the Joseph L. Frank Memorial Post 777 in honor of his father. It wasn't long before the Legion and Joseph J. Frank bonded and developed a life-long partnership in veterans advocacy.

He has served as a Post, District and Department commander for the Department of Missouri, while holding national office and seats on various national committees. These included vice chairman, Legislative Council; member, Legislative Commission; special advisor, Rehabilitation Committee; National Vice Commander; chairman, Economic Commission; member, Veterans Planning and Coordination Committee; chairman, Foreign Relations Commission; ex-officio member, POW/MIA committee; and member, Policy Coordination and Action Group.

"Being part of The American Legion has been the best form of rehabilitation for me," says Frank. "The Legion has given a purpose and meaning to my life that make me who I am. I feel fortunate that my time in The American Legion has been spent helping people."

"As National Commander, I hope to continue helping people while encouraging others to do the same."

Frank's role in veterans' affairs hasn't been limited to Legion activities and involvement. His career included years of work as a veterans' service officer and an employment coordinator for his local VA hospital. Making life better for veterans is clearly one of his top priorities.

But Frank puts his family life first. He and his wife Barbara have one daughter, Mary Kay Grantham, and two granddaughters, Ashlie and Haley. "As a chaplain, I can tell you that he is a good man in every possible way," says The Rev. Herbert A. Brethauer, pastor of the Carondelet United Church of Christ. "As a fellow Legionnaire, I can say that he will be a responsible

**JOSEPH J. FRANK**  
**MISSOURI'S GO-TO GUY**

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leader for the rank and file of The American Legion."

In an interview with THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, the new Commander talks about some of the issues that must be addressed during his term of office.

**Q. How can we help VA help veterans?**

**A.** First, every member of The American Legion family must understand exactly how The American Legion GI Bill of Health will improve, strengthen and preserve the Department of Veterans' Affairs' health care system.

Second, every member must understand how all veterans and their dependents will benefit from these changes. Finally, every member must "spread the word" not only among their friends and neighbors, but more important, with their congressional members.

Contact your representatives in Congress and ask them to support the GI Bill of Health. We must reinvent VA to keep it.

**Q. How would you assess our work on Desert Storm illnesses?**

**A.** I am extremely proud of the leadership role The American Legion has taken on this critical issue. Because of the Family Support Network, The American Legion was the very first veterans' service organization to recognize the health problems affecting Persian Gulf veterans and their families.



**FAMILY PORTRAIT**—The Legion's new National Commander with daughter, Mary Kay Grantham, and his wife, Barbara. The Franks also have two grandchildren.

sian Gulf veterans and their families.

We took the lead on Capitol Hill, in DoD and in VA to focus attention to the plight of these wartime veterans. Thanks to the direct lobbying efforts of The American Legion, we saw some significant action.

VA and DoD started registries to identify ill veterans. VA and DoD began treatment of veterans and family members. And VA began awarding compensation for undiagnosed conditions. Research is being conducted to identify the cause or causes of the medical problems, and President Clinton

formed an advisory committee to review and evaluate the progress being made on the illness.

Today, The American Legion has an internal task force to focus specifically on the Persian Gulf issue, with special attention to the claims and adjudication process. The problems for ill Gulf War veterans have only begun, and we're going to stand by them and help them if we can.

**Q. What about Agent Orange and**

its victims?

**A.** No veterans service organization has done more for the Agent Orange issue than The American Legion. Recently, President Clinton added two more medical conditions, peripheral neuropathy and prostate cancer, to the growing list of conditions now recognized by VA as associated with exposure to Agent Orange. President Clinton also extended VA's authority to recognize spina bifida in children of Agent Orange-exposed veterans.

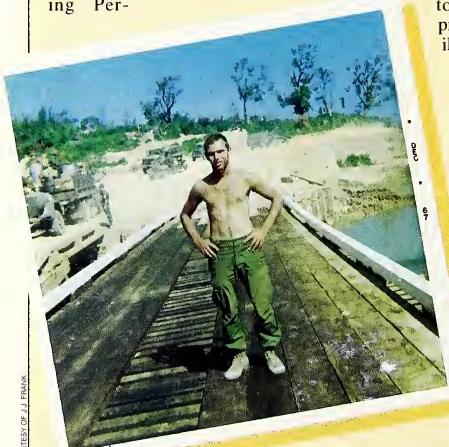
Unfortunately, many Agent Orange victims have died waiting for the government to recognize their responsibility. And many more continue to suffer because our leaders dragged their feet on this issue. As an American, I feel it's rather embarrassing that our nation would treat our veterans like that.

**Q. How are the chances of a new GI Bill looking?**

**A.** I can't understand why today's veterans are treated differently from previous generations of veterans. Ask veterans of World War II, Korea or Vietnam who used their GI Bill educational benefits whether it made a difference in their life. The response is normally, "I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for the GI Bill!"

Why aren't the young men and women now serving in defense of America entitled to the same benefit?

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# JOSEPH J. FRANK

## MISSOURI'S GO-TO GUY

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Why should their paychecks be garnished \$100 a month during their first year of enlistment? Why should they receive only \$400 a month for college? You and I know that will pay for about 40 percent of college costs at a local or state college. They deserve better.

### Q. Where are we in terms of VA's claims backlog?

**A.** Justice delayed is justice denied. VA adopted many recommendations of The American Legion and progress is being made. The shutdown of the federal government last year had a tremendous impact on the program, but effective managerial changes have resulted in marked improvements.

### Q. What more can we do to help veterans get the best medical care?

**A.** Expand eligibility for care, increase the number of access points and tap new revenue sources. All these proposals are contained in the Legion's GI Bill of Health.

VA health care is in trouble. Congress wants to freeze VA funding at Fiscal Year 1995 levels. Since the rest of the health care industry is not going to "mark time," VA will find itself forced to ration care, reduce manpower levels, limit research programs and strain relations with medical schools.

We must not stand silent as some try to balance the budget on the backs of America's veterans, their families and

their health care system.

### Q. How can America maintain a strong national defense?

**A.** The "hollow forces" of the '70s were a living nightmare no generation of America should ever have to experience again. Many GIs died because we were unprepared for Korea and Vietnam.

The American Legion helped Congress reverse that direction throughout the '80s. In January 1991, Operation Desert Storm demonstrated a complete transformation. Unfortunately, the drawdown has weakened our military.

### Q. What is our military's greatest weakness?

**A.** Our national defense system is our inability to detect, protect and treat exposure to nuclear, chemical and biological warfare. Ballistic missiles have been identified as an appropriate delivery system for these components, and we don't have effective defenses against them either.

The former Soviet Union no longer poses the only threat. Third World



**THE GRADUATE**—Joseph Frank learned many things in high school, but he says he learned some of life's harder lessons in readjusting to life after his war wounds.

countries are beginning to acquire the technology and equipment to build delivery systems capable of reaching the United States. America cannot ignore this very real threat.

### Q. Should our troops continue to be involved in peacekeeping?

**A.** Before getting involved in any peacekeeping operations, America needs a clear definition of its vital national interests as related to all military operations.

Congress should approve the commitment of our troops, and U.S. military personnel should not be placed under foreign or United Nations command except in certain circumstances where

Congress grants specific approval.

American service personnel captured during deployment should be granted full POW status and afforded all the protections of the Geneva Convention.

If any service member is captured, the United States should take whatever measures required to secure their release. Anyone who violates the protections of the Geneva Convention should be held accountable and face the full wrath of the United States.

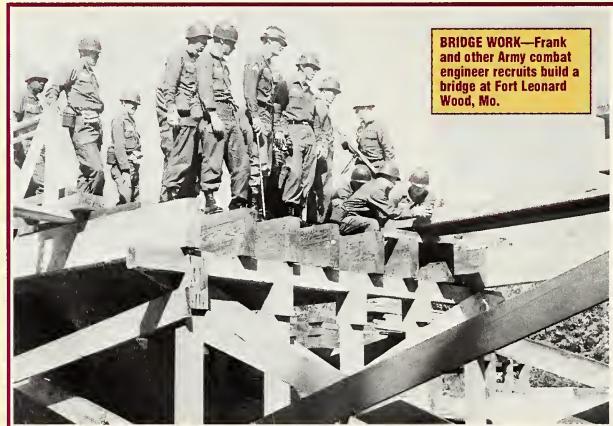
The American Legion is clearly committed to achieving the fullest possible accounting of POW/MIA. The recently passed Missing Persons Act of 1996 is the first step in correcting many of the problems of the past.

### Q. Today's wars call on citizen soldiers. What about the future of the Guard and Reserves?

**A.** The Persian Gulf War demonstrated the need for a formidable reserve component. Each year, I have seen the mission of the National Guard and Reserve units gain more responsibilities to support active duty forces.

The days of the stereotyped "Weekend Warrior" are over. Reservists and Guardsmen must be as professional as their active duty counterparts, because the odds of a Reservist or Guard member being federalized have significantly increased in the last 10 years.

### Q. How can we help veterans find Please turn to page 44



**BRIDGE WORK**—Frank and other Army combat engineer recruits build a bridge at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

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37th Inf Div, 148th Rgt (Camp Perry, OH) #10632

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38th Inf Div, 151st Rgt, G Co (VN) #16075

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40th Inf Cav, 160th Rgt, D Co (VN) #16689

40th Inf Div, 160th Rgt, D Co (VN) #16689

40th Inf Div, 223rd Rgt (Korea) #23370

40th Inf Div, Korea, NE Chap #16427

41st Inf Div, 13th Inf Reg (VN) #16276

42nd Inf Div "Rainbow" Assn (VN/WWII) #19162

43rd Inf Div, 63rd Engr (C) Bn, B Co #14044

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48th Inf Div, 12th Inf Reg (VN) #16075

49th Inf Div, 12th Inf Reg (VN) #16076

50th Inf Div, 12th Inf Reg (VN) #16077

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52nd Engr Cn (VN) #22479

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63rd Inf Div, 12th Inf Reg (VN) #16087

64th Inf Div, 12th Inf Reg (VN) #16088

65th Inf Div, 12th Inf Reg (VN) #16089

66th Inf Div, 12th Inf Reg (VN) #16090

67th Inf Div, 12th Inf Reg (VN) #16091

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69th Inf Div, 12th Inf Reg (VN) #16093

70th Inf Div, 12th Inf Reg (VN) #16094

71st Inf Div, Bn / 47th AAA AW Bn #15375

76th Inf Div Hospital #16143

78th Inf Div Assn (Hudson Valley/Northeast) #22720

78th Inf Div Vets Assn #1038

79th Inf Div, 313th Rgt, C Co (Cross of Lorraine Assn) (VN) #15837

80th Gen Hospital, 141st Fld Hospital, Hq Base, M Sec (VN) #15364

70th/554th AAA Gun Bns (Bethesda, MD 53/54) #19165

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71st Inf Div, 313/614th OM Co's/777th Comm Bn (Canal Zone, VN) #20163

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94th Inf Div Assn (VN) #16560

95th Inf Div, 301st Rgt, E Co (VN) #15527

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96th Inf Div Assn "Deadeyes" #16567

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96th Inf Div Gen Hospital (VN) #20637

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97th Inf Div, 387th Rgt, I Co #12170

97th Inf Div, 387th Rgt, C Co #11360

97th Inf Div, 387th Rgt, G Co (VN) #21300

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102nd Inf Div, 405th Rgt, G Co "The Ozarks" (VN) #21054

103rd Inf Div, 410th Rgt, 2nd Bn #15352

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106th Grd Co (55) #19095

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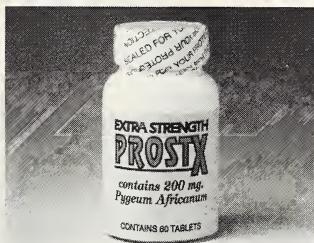
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Operation Downfall: 25th/33rd/41st Inf Divs (WWII) #19232

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Boat Support Unit 1, MST, SOG (Danang) #20379

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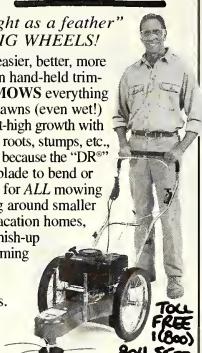
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## jobs in the public and private sector?

Each of us has the opportunity to **A.** fulfill this mandate. Legionnaires are bosses, managers and supervisors and are therefore in positions to help employ veterans. A good job for every veteran should be a challenge for all veterans.

We must also demand that the federal government live up to its obligations under veterans' preference law. It is an earned benefit that doesn't cost any money. All veterans' preference does is give qualified veterans an opportunity for federal employment, especially service-connected disabled veterans. And they have earned it.

## Q. How can we protect our flag from physical desecration?

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The American Legion and the Citizens Flag Alliance have vowed to keep the drive alive and make the flag amendment a campaign issue in the November elections with the intention of re-introducing the measure in the 105th Congress.

## Q. Another challenge is membership. What will you do?

**A.** Building Posts, keeping members and recruiting active duty GIs are activities that can be accomplished one program at a time and one member at a time. We need to focus our efforts on keeping Legion benefits and programs relevant to our existing members yet desirable to potential Legionnaires.

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# HOSTILE WORLD

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obsolescence is people. Whatever the weapons, we will require scientists, engineers, and workers to design and build them. We will need soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and the Coast Guard to wield the weapons. And we will need leaders, both in and out of uniform, to shape forces, policies, campaigns and battles. It follows, therefore, that the most important thing is that the president convince first-class people that preparing for the next war is a worthy way for an American to spend his working life. Once these people become involved in defense, you must create an environment in which these people can focus all of their energies on defending our country.

The fact that, in the long run, people are more important than machines, can be seen in the lives of the men who led us to victory in World War II. Eisenhower, Nimitz, Vandegrift, Bradley, Arnold and Halsey all joined the pro-

fession of arms and learned their most important lessons, long before tanks, amphibious tractors, aircraft carriers and long-range bombers came on the scene. That these weapons were crucial to victory is beyond dispute. Nonetheless, it took a lot longer to develop a world-class military leader than it did to build and deploy any of our winning weapons.

What was true of our most famous leaders was also true of the thousands of people who played critical roles in areas such as training, weapons design, industrial production, logistics, and leadership at lower levels. While most of these people have been relegated to the footnotes of history books, their achievements also were based on many years of patient preparation during peacetime. The Garand rifle, to pick just one example, did not magically appear in the hands of our GIs on the 7th of December, 1941. Its development required attracting an exceptional talent to government service and, for more than 20 years, giving him sufficient protection from day-to-day reality so that he could concentrate on what was really important.

Creating an environment that will

attract and foster those who will lead us in the next war will not be easy. Elitism is not popular these days. A cult of mediocrity, often disguised as a concern for fairness, dominates the corporate cultures of most of our government agencies, many of our private companies and nearly all of our schools. In particular, those who have achieved power and position by following the principles of "go along to get along," "don't rock the boat," and "it's good enough for government work," will resist, tooth and nail, any attempt to promote excellence.

It is unlikely that our next president will get either the credit for winning, or, God forbid, the blame for losing, America's next war. While the world is far from peaceful, the president inaugurated in 1997 is likely to finish this term as he will have started it, in a world where the United States is the only superpower. This happy fact does not, in the least, diminish the president's responsibility as commander-in-chief. Rather, it provides him with an opportunity to do what can only be done in an interwar period, and that is the laying of a solid foundation for future victory. □

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tion has reached out to veterans across the country to tell them about opportunities to refinance homes bought under the GI Bill. I have extended disability benefits to Vietnam veterans with certain cancers and illnesses that may have been caused by exposure to Agent Orange. And I fought for legislation that extends compensation for the first time to chronically disabled veterans with undiagnosed illnesses.

My administration has made significant progress in reducing the serious backlog in benefits claims.

**DOLE:** Given the current benefit restraints, we need to operate the VA in a more cost-effective manner. We can do a better job, but we must never attempt to balance the budget on the backs of our veterans, especially service-connected veterans.

**Q. Will you support a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. Flag**

from acts of physical desecration?

**CLINTON:** I abhor flag burning. But I do not believe that the problem can be solved with a constitutional amendment. My reluctance to support an amendment to the Constitution stems from my respect for the document itself. We have never amended the First Amendment, which would happen if we ratified a flag-burning amendment.

**DOLE:** I support a constitutional amendment that would overturn the 1989 Supreme Court decision allowing flag burning—a decision with which the overwhelming majority of Americans disagree—and restore the protection previously given the flag.

I believe the American flag deserves constitutional protection because it stands alone as a unique symbol of our ideals, hopes and aspirations as a nation. As I have stated in my fight to protect the flag, "There is no other symbol that so captures the American spirit and experience."

**Q. Why hasn't more been done to stop illegal immigration?**

**CLINTON:** We have increased the number of Border Patrol agents at the southwest border by 40 percent since 1993. Our asylum reform reduced the number of asylum claims by 57 percent its first year. My administration removed a record 51,600 criminal and other illegal aliens in 1995. I have also worked to increase funding to the Immigration and Naturalization Service by 72 percent since 1993. We have used operations such as "Gatekeeper" and "Hold-the-Line" to coordinate new agents, time-saving equipment and state-of-the-art technology to reclaim the border in cities like San Diego and El Paso. Taken together, these actions have accomplished more in three years than all of the administrations in the last 30 years combined.

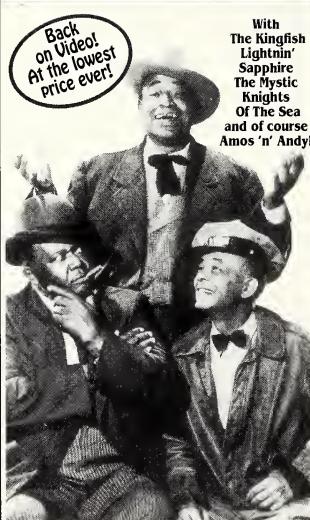
I support efforts to make families who sponsor immigrants take financial responsibility for them. I have also set a goal of increasing deportation by 25 percent this year and by 50 percent the next.

**DOLE:** Nearly 300,000 illegal aliens enter the United States each year—a flood of undocumented immigrants that saps precious government dollars and undermines our security. I do not believe that those who have entered our country illegally are entitled to government welfare services.

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We must strengthen the Border Patrol and streamline the deportation process for illegals.

**Q.** How can we better encourage responsible citizenship among young people?

**CLINTON:** My AmeriCorps program gives young Americans a chance to earn their tuition while working in their communities.

I have also offered federal matching funds, up to \$500 toward what a community raises, to reward high school students who perform significant service for their communities, creating a National Service Scholar in every school.

**DOLE:** The values that have made America the great country it is cannot be stated in fancy words. Instead, they are expressed in the daily lives of the American people. Honesty, integrity, generosity, hard work, common

sense—these are the values that have given our nation the power and faith to overcome any and all challenges.

Education in America must do more than teach children knowledge and skills. Our schools must also teach our children the virtues that have made America a beacon of freedom for the entire world. Our schools must teach our children good citizenship.

**Q.** Mr. Clinton, why do you think you deserve a second term?

**CLINTON:** During my first term, we have seen the creation of 10 million new jobs, and the lowest combined rates of unemployment and inflation in nearly three decades. We have cut the federal deficit in half and are committed to balancing the budget in seven years.

I have worked hard to ensure that our children grow up in an environment that is both safe and supportive, bringing the crime rate down in each of the past four years. We've made it easier for parents to take time away from work during family emergencies. I've pushed for V-chip legislation to help parents regulate children's television habits and pushed the television industry to implement a ratings system. We've taken steps to connect every classroom in the country to the Internet by the year 2000, and we've made higher education more attainable with affordable student loan programs.

Under my administration this country has stood with those seeking peace, freedom and democracy all over the world: in Northern Ireland, the Middle East and Bosnia. In addition, I have pushed for the START II treaty, which would reduce our nuclear stockpiles by 25 percent.

My administration has reduced the federal workforce by 237,000 to its smallest size in three decades and we are eliminating 16,000 pages of superfluous federal regulations.

The United States is a better place today than it was four years ago, and I firmly believe that, as president, I can help make it an even better place four years from now.

**Q.** Mr. Dole, why should Americans vote for you?

**DOLE:** It is part of our national creed that our lives will be better tomorrow than they are today; that our children will know opportunities beyond any we know ourselves. But to master our future, we must once again embrace those timeless, tested values: love of

God, country and family; commitment to honesty, decency and personal responsibility; and self-reliance tempered by a sense of community.

If we are to restore America's greatness, our people must affirm those values and our government must reflect them. We need families who will nurture them, judges who will uphold them, schools that will teach them and an economy that will reward them.

It is my deepest belief that the coming generation deserves an America like the nation I have known. And it is my deepest fear that the current administration is squandering an inheritance it does not value, undermining values it does not even understand.

Why do I want to be president? Because I will not permit the slow decline of a nation I love so much; because I am convinced that America's finest hour is not in our past, but in our future. □

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## WEALTH & HEALTH

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end in sight. "If you don't slow growth in those entitlement programs, we face a nightmare," says Dr. Gramley.

• **Deregulation.** The more government regulation can be eased—or eliminated when not absolutely essential—the more the economy is free to grow on its own. We've already made strides toward deregulation. Such out-of-date, growth-stifling agencies as the Interstate Commerce Commission are gone. "Modernize the agencies that remain," advises Weidenbaum.

• **International trade.** The new president will be asked to decide early in his term to consider closing U.S. markets to foreign products and to rethink U.S. participation in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

"Don't forget that we're all consumers," says Kellner. "Closing the door to imports deprives all of us of the chance to buy the best products at the lowest price."

It isn't even clear that limiting imports really saves American jobs. Weidenbaum points to a study done on quotas on imports of foreign steel into this country. "Limiting imports of foreign steel protected the jobs of some U.S. steelworkers," he says. "But the higher price paid by buyers of U.S.-made steel eventually cost the economy more jobs than the steel import limits saved."

So what's the bottom line?

The American people want faster economic growth—but the next president must be careful how he responds. By trimming the deficit as much as we have and by easing government regulation, we've made considerable strides toward speeding up the economy. The improved health of American business finally seems to be generating more jobs in some important areas—and bringing fatter paychecks to those who win those jobs.

The key to the future is the deficit. We should keep cutting the deficit, and as it falls, seek lower taxes—including lower taxes on personal savings. Remove regulations that stifle economic growth.

Do all that, and the president who sits in the Oval Office this January can deliver the stronger, more vibrant economy that the American people put him in the White House to provide. □

## CONSTITUTION

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powered "turnaround cruises" aboard "Old Ironsides" last summer in Boston Harbor. Massachusetts Legionnaires were aboard for that first harbor jaunt in June. From its birth in the Charlestown Navy Yard the historic frigate, one of six commissioned by Congress in 1794 to protect American shipping, reminds Americans of the importance and continuing relevance of the frigate's namesake, the U.S. Constitution of 1787.

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